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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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Sir:

This Amendment and Reply is filed in response to the Non-Final Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 9, 2005, in connection with the above-referenced patent application. A response to this Action originally was due December 9, 2005. Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time thereby extending the deadline to January 9, 2006. Accordingly, this reply is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this document.

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